WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Development of Fisheries in Madhya Pradesh

†3712. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government and State Governments have considered any plan to expand fisheries by mutual cooperation;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Madhya Pradesh is one among the States considering expansion of this industry; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Central Government is implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes through State Governments for development of fisheries. The financial assistance is extended to the State Government as per approved guidelines for each scheme.

(c) and (d) The Schemes and programmes for fisheries development are implemented in various States including Madhya Pradesh. During 2002-2003 a sum of Rs. 38.87 lakhs was released to Government of Madhya Pradesh under various schemes for development of fisheries.

Grants for Macro Management Mode of Agriculture

3713. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR :Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are sanctioning funds for "Macro Management Mode of-Agriculture" scheme aimed to boost agriculture;

(b)if so. the details thereof and the criteria adopted for such sanction; and

(c) the other steps taken for diversification of crops for more remunerative prices to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YAD AV): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme and funds

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are released to the States/UTs on the basis of their Work Plans. The Scheme was evolved by merging 27 ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes with a view to accord greater flexibility to the States to develop and pursue agriculture activities on the basis of their regional priorities to increase Agriculture Product ion. Funds as provided and approved by Planning Commission are released to States on tne basis of average assistance provided during the first 3 years of Ninth Plan under 27 component schemes, the performance of the Slates as well as unspent balances with the States. The funds released to the States/UTs during the three years are given below:—

Year	Release (Rs. In lakhs)
2000-01	57720.00
2001-02	63122.10
2002-03	58600.00

(c) The Government has been emphasizing crop diversification keeping in view the soil health problems being encountered by growing exhaustive crops like cereals followed by cereals. This is intended to conserve the natural resources with sustainability in agriculture. The States of Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh etc. are being encouraged to diversify towards pulses, oilseeds and horticulture crops.

Request for Banning Cow Slaughter

†3714. SHRI LAJPAT RAJ:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request has been sent by Government to all the concerned departments to bring a bill in the Parliament for imposing a countrywide ban on cow slaughter;

(b) if so, the details of such request;

(c) the names of the departments to which such request was sent together ith the dates on which it was sent;

(d) whether any time-limit for completion of work has been mentioned in request; and

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